



QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Your response to the questionnaire was most gratifying. Your comments are being studied with the view of making changes or improvement which are consistent with the INDEXA principle objectives. The following is a brief summary of who you are, how you operate, what you work with and how you feel about the INDEXA.

Antenna Type..dipole=5% vertical=12% quad=5% yagi=93%
Antenna Height..low=15 feet high=205 feet average=50 feet
Power..100 watts=5% 150-500 watts=20% 600-900 watts=15% 1kw & up=60%
Countries Confirmed..low=29 high=354 average=238 On CW=18% On SSB=82%
Class of License..gen=11% adv=58% ex=31% Year Licensed..earliest=1920 latest=84 avg=80

Years a DXer..longest=61 shortest=3 mo average=4yrs

FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF YOUR RESPONSE TO THE NINE QUESTIONS

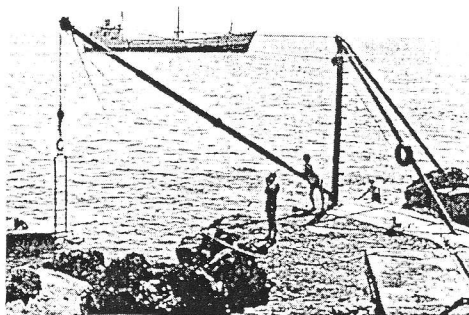
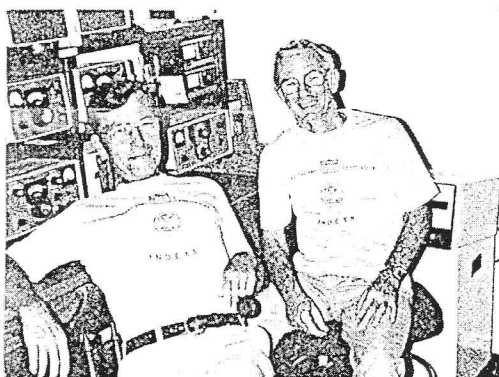
1. What should be the major activities in 84/85?
Keep it going during the low sunspot cycle; get more members so we can do more; get more DX and give more time to info; keep it going as is, we know you are doing the best and know what to do in the future.
2. About the Newsletter..
Short and sweet; not bad for the first one; too fancy but just great; too short; need pictures; good but late in coming; more.
3. Net operations.
They take a lot of abuse but doing fine; be calm and keep it going; be a gentleman and at the same time keep control; super job except they shouldn't answer the same questions over and over. Ask the members to listen up because it waste time for others; cut the chit chat down and stay fair.
4. About the Net Controllers.
People that volunteer their time this long shouldn't be criticized; don't get foul mouth and become one of the el-sickos; try to work by propagation if by call areas don't work; fine group of fellows; couldn't do a better job with some of the trash that comes by at times.
5. By the numbers.
Unfair if you say you are trying to be equal to all; maybe, but it will start malicious interference; it would help me but I like things as they are; maybe, but I thought we were a different type net unlike some of the other DX water holes; check with the FCC buddy; ok at times; if you do, count me out.
6. Any improvements?
Have a rigid enforced net; take the list after the DX shows; take the list before the DX shows; keep the list short; work by propagation; take a short pre-list; keep up the good work; stay fair, only made one list but I like it.
7. Accomplishments in 83/84?
This statement appeared many many times and out numbered all others.. Trying hard to have a net that is putting the true meaning int fellowship and DXing as it should be.
8. Suggestions.
tnx for the help; find more DXers that need help, real help; get me more DX; tn timer and hard work; give info first and then QSL info.
9. A net for non US stations?
Do it; they need help just like us; ok but don't take the time we have; I thought they had a net.

This issue of the news letter is a change from the previous one and you are likely to see some more changes in future issues. Many of you have made known your desires of what you would like to see in the news letter and it is our intention to accomodate you where possible. However, the bottom line is money. The fancier or larger the news letter, the higher the cost. we would prefer our money to be spent helping some DX station.

I have tried to answer the major questions which you have asked over the air and in letters on the last page of this issue under the heading "general interest". We need material for the next issue of the news letter. If you have items of general interest, photos, comments or just want to air your pet peves, aggrevations, critisism, please direct your letter to me. If you want a reply, an SASE please.

Page 3 contains a ballot for the one (1) year term officers. Please clip it out and mail to Joe Butler (K50S) 242 Woodland Circle Ocean Spring, Ms. 39564, USA.

73 & Good Dx de W4WMQ



Murf (W4WMQ) and Ron (ZL1AMO) at Murf's QTH in July. When Ron gave Murf a lesson in high speed CW, Murf thought it was RTTY. Note the INDEXA shirts, info on pg. 4. Murf's shack looks like a used equipment store for Collins. That 6 element Telres doesn't hurt the signal either.

* The Kermadec DXpeditions
* rescue - when their
* chartered boat was damaged
* rescue came their way by a
* passing tanker.
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PROFILES



Andrea Repetto, ZD9BV, born in 1959 on the island of Tristan Da Cunha is the first native to operate from Tristan. Andy comes from one of the seven families who have populated Tristan Da Cunha over the past 150 years. His father was the principal force behind the Uk's decision to permit the Islanders to return after their evacuation in 1961 when the volcano erupted. Andy attended communications school in South Africa, served his apprenticeship as a commercial operator on the Island of St. Helena, and is now the islands commercial operator, and assistant for Post and Telegraph. Andy became an amatuer almost by accident. A DXpedition to Tristan had been planned by several of the St. Helena amatuers but transportation problems eventually caused the DXpedition to be scrubbed - we were on the verge of returning the funds to several organizations that had underwritten the DXpedition costs, when Peter Warren (ZD9BU/mm) suggested that Andy was interested in amateur radio and all that was holding him back was equipment. The DXpedition funds were then diverted to purchase an amateur radio station which was donated to the people of Tristan Da Cunha and the rest is history. Andy operates SSB and CW on 10 through 80 meters. His other hobbies include sports, motor biking, photography, dancing, and he is an accomplished sailor. Depending on conditions ZD9BV can be found daily 0730 GMT 3782 or, 7080 Xmit, 7155 to 7160 receive. Schedule with his manager daily at 1700 GMT on 21265 Mhz.

The INDEXA was founded with one major objective in mind-to generate interest in amateur radio, in those countries that have seen a sparsely of activity and to provide indigenous and permanent residence amateur station equipment assistance if requested and where needed. It was recognized that the INDEXA would not have the resources to provide equipment to all of the DX stations which we would like to hear more often and with better signals. So it is that your elected officers must decide who will draw from our limited resources. You may ask, why do they need help. As a QSL manager I process thousands of QSLs each year from DXers around the globe. In this day of electronic wizardry even I marvel at what some of the DX stations are using - a 6L6 xtal osc with about 25 watts on CW- WWII vintage HROs are in abundance for both SSB and CW and the number of home brews will stagger the imagination. These are not just "garden variety" DXers by a long shot. Even when more modern XCVRs are used, often the split frequency capability is missing with some of our rarer types, also antennas, keys and amplifiers. So that's the reason INDEXA exists-- to lend a helping hand if called upon. What do we expect in return - nothing more than the satisfaction of helping a fellow ham. The INDEXA has a net on 20 meters which has created quite a furor among some of our members. The conception that the net is a cornucopia of DX available only to INDEXA members, has been voiced by members and non members alike.

First off, the net operations is completely separate from the primary objectives of INDEXA and has no bearing, what so ever, upon assistance provided to a DX station. The net meets primarily for the purpose of exchanging DX information. There are some rare DX stations that check into the net on occasion and when possible the NCS will coordinate contacts between stations on the frequency and the DX station. However, this is a secondary use of the net. Furthermore, membership in INDEXA does not accord you any special privilege with regard to working any of the DX which may report into the net. If you joined INDEXA because you thought it was an easy avenue to working DX-Forget it and look elsewhere. We need your membership and your contributions but only if it is in the spirit helping others first.

73's de W4FRU

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INTERNATIONAL DX ASSOCIATION

BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS: Vote yes or no for each of the nominees. When voting no, identify your choice in the write-in space allocated and identify position.

		YES	NO
PRESIDENT	W4WMQ		
FIRST VP	K5OS		
SECOND VP	W4FRU		
THIRD VP	OH2BH		
SECRETARY	NK5K		
TREASURE	W4UNP		
DIRECTORS:	J37AH		
"	VK6RU		
"	V56CT		

		YES	NO
VICE DIRECTOR	W3ACE		
"	VE3MR		
"	IN3RZY		
"	3V8PS		
"	GE3GN		
WRITE-IN	POSITION		

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Approaching KERMADEC -
A welcome sight for
the landlubbers.

GENERAL INTEREST::: Swan 1200 amp, EX14 beam & QSLs to 5R8AL ::: TA33jr beam to T31DB ::: LA-1000 amp to D68AM ::: Call books, hand books and maps to foreign clubs ::: INDEXA"s cost for a new tri-band is \$150 plus shipping for 2 makes ::: The Operating officers & Directors study the need for shipping eq to anyone ::: A form letter w/questions pertaining to ideals & their need must be answered before shipment ::: One Newsletter cost \$115.00 for postage ::: Four (4) Newsletters per year ::: As of mid July, those that have did a bit extra for INDEXA are, PY2AJK, WA9AVN, KC3EK, N6BEP, N6BKJ, KF9W, WA5OKI, KDØJL, WD4RAF, WIENE, WK4I, CX7BF, and KDØAE ::: INDEXA LOGO "T" SHIRTS, as shown in the photo of Murf & Ron, ZL1AMO. They are yellow with brown letters. size: small=34/36 medium=38/40 large=42/44. Cost is \$8.00 stateside and \$9.00 foreign, prepaid postage. Allow 4 to 5 weeks for delivery via NK5K ::: K5OS has been elected to the ARRL DX Advisory Committee with W4FRU ::: Tnx to all for ur continued support and we need to continue with the ideals/fellowship to make it work.. Murf

Your editor was not blessed with the dexterity to manipulate the keyboard of a modern typewriter, or the grey matter necessary to recall the accepted spelling of such simple words as "yess". Number one daughter took over on this issue and I should have known better. She inherited my genes. However, we struggled through this issue on a ten year old electric typewriter that will not type the last two inches of a page. Now, if Murf will stop sending me paper to type on, and you guys will send me some material to work with, I promise that the next issue will be an improvement.

Editor W4FRU
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CHIT - CHAT

Rumors abound that some exotic and rare DX is lurking just a moon's throw away. Even some of those at the top of the DXCC rolls have picked up an extra heart beat or two over the prospects of a new country emerging onto the scene and some old ones being revisited. There are basis for this wishful thinking. The Norwegian expedition to Bouvet early next year could spawn a bedlam of activity if arrangements can be made for a group of amateurs to accompany the expedition. Since Peter I belongs to Norway it would sure be nice if the expedition would swing over that way to see if its still there. Don't write of the Pribilofs yet, and the ball is in the awards committee's court on Baker-Howland. Cyprus may prove interesting in that the UK retained sovereignty over a part of the Island when it granted independence to the island. Things are looking up in "C9" from several directions and the time when the plug will be pulled on Albania appears to be getting closer.



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